

cooperation and coordination, reflect additional cosponsors submitted by the Speaker. **Page H8268**

Early Organization of 109th Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 824, relating to early organization of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Ninth Congress. **Page H8330**

Amending the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 5122, to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 2 terms—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H8330–31**

Discharge Petition: Representative Miller of North Carolina moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 800, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2802, to reauthorize the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (Discharge Petition No. 16).

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8171, H8252, H8311, and H8403.

Senate Referrals: S. 2484, S. 2896, S. 1134, S. 2195, and S. 2895 were held at the desk; S. 2796 and S. 2864 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H8404**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

Pages H8208–09, H8209–10, H8286–87, H8310, H8310–11

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H8409–10.

Recess: The House recessed at 3:03 a.m. on Thursday, October 7 and reconvened at 8:07 a.m.

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Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 a.m. on Thursday, October 7.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL REVENUE OPTIONS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Federal Revenue Options. Testimony was heard from Representatives Linder, Burgess, English, Price (NC) and Sandlin; and the following former Representatives from Texas: Richard K. Armey; and Bill Archer; and public witnesses.

CHILD PRODUCT SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “Child Product Safety: Do Current Standards Provide Enough Protection?” Testimony was heard from Hal Stratton, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission; and public witnesses.

OFHEO REPORT—FANNIE MAE—ALLEGATIONS OF ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT FAILURE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “The OFHEO Report: Allegations of Accounting and Management Failure at Fannie Mae.” Testimony was heard from Armando Falcon, Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, Department of Housing and Urban Development; the following officials of Fannie Mae: Franklin D. Raines, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Timothy Howard, Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer; and Ann McLaughlin Korologos, Presiding Director, Board of Directors.

COMBATING WEST NILE VIRUS—CURRENT CHALLENGES

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Current Challenges in Combating the West Nile Virus.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH; and Stephen M. Ostroff, M.D., Deputy Director, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Benjamin J. Grumbles, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; John Pape, Chief Epidemiologist, Department of Public Health and Environment, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom 2004 and Designations of Countries of Particular Concern. Testimony was heard from Ambassador-at-Large John V. Hanford III, International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Preeta Bansal, Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; and public witnesses.

U.S. TRADE DISPUTES—PERU AND ECUADOR

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Trade Disputes in Peru and Ecuador. Testimony was heard from Earl Anthony Wayne, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State; Regina K. Vargo, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the Americas; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing on the Presidential Succession Act. Testimony was heard from

Representative Sherman; Thomas H. Neale, Government and Finance Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE—CONFERENCE REPORT—AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of October 7, 2004, providing for consideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4520) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing that suspensions will be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, October 7, 2004. The rule provides that the Speaker or his designee will consult with the Minority Leader or her designee on any suspension considered under the rule.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing three hours and forty minutes of general debate on H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services, 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services, 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Government Reform, 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations, 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee print dated October 4, 2004, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee print. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

OVERSIGHT—MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Maritime Domain Awareness. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Jeffrey P. High, Director, Maritime Domain Awareness, U.S. Coast Guard; and Robert A. Kacksta, Executive Director, Border Security and Facilitation, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; RADM Samuel P. DeBow, Director, Marine and Aviation Operations, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

VA SMART CARD INITIATIVE(S)

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the status of the Department of Veterans Affairs smart card initiative(s). Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Wu, Deputy Under Secretary, Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce; Linda Koontz, Director, Information Management Issues, GAO; Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Robert J. Brandewie, Director, Defense Manpower Data Center, Office of the Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—THREAT UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Threat Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1012)

H.R. 1308, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for working families. Signed on October 4, 2004. (Public Law 108–311)

H.R. 265, to provide for an adjustment of the boundaries of Mount Rainier National Park. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–312)

H.R. 1521, to provide for additional lands to be included within the boundary of the Johnstown Flood National Memorial in the State of Pennsylvania. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–313)

H.R. 1616, to authorize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by the City of Atlanta, Georgia. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–314)

H.R. 1648, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain water distribution systems of the Cachuma Project, California, to the Carpinteria Valley Water District and the Montecito Water District. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–315)

H.R. 1658, to amend the Railroad Right-of-Way Conveyance Validation Act to validate additional conveyances of certain lands in the State of California that form part of the right-of-way granted by the United States to facilitate the construction of the transcontinental railway. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–316)

H.R. 1732, to amend the Reclamation Water and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Williamson County, Texas, Water Recycling and Reuse Project. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–317)

H.R. 2696, to establish Institutes to demonstrate and promote the use of adaptive ecosystem management to reduce the risk of wildfires, and restore the health of fire-adapted forest and woodland ecosystems of the interior West. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–318)

H.R. 3209, to amend the Reclamation Project Authorization Act of 1972 to clarify the acreage for which the North Loup division is authorized to provide irrigation water under the Missouri River Basin project. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–319)

H.R. 3249, to extend the term of the Forest Counties Payments Committee. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–320)

H.R. 3389, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 to permit Malcolm

Baldrige National Quality Awards to be made to nonprofit organizations. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–321)

H.R. 3768, to expand the Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, Florida. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–322)

S.J. Res. 41, commemorating the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. Signed on October 5, 2004. (Public Law 108–323)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
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(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1379, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and the nomination of Pamela Hughes Patenaude, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Community Planning and Development, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the effect of Federal bankruptcy and pension policy on the financial situation of the airlines, 9:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, to mark up H.R. 3403, To amend the Clean Air Act to modify certain provisions regarding methyl bromide, 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Mortgage Fraud and its Impact on Mortgage Lenders,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H. Res. 28, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should declare its support for the Independence of Kosova; and H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, oversight hearing on Federal Offender Reentry and Protecting Children from Criminal Recidivists, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Iraq Survey Group Report, 2 p.m., H–405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the long-run economics of natural gas, 10 a.m., SD–628.